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Remarks

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants are incorporating the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 4 into claim 1. In view of the amended claims, the remaining 35 USC 103 rejection is moot.

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

As mentioned in the Amendment of August 18, 2004, for the Form PTO-1449 submitted on December 19, 2001, the Examiner initialed every document citation except for the three applications (listed under "Other Documents"), where the Examiner crossed out the three citations and noted "No public dates." Applicants submitted with the Amendment of August 18, 2004 a supplemental Form PTO-1449 which provides the US application publication numbers for the three applications cited in the December 19, 2001 Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to return an initialed copy of the supplemental Form PTO-1449. No initialed copy was attached with the Final Office Action.

No additional fee is believed to be required; however, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

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In view of the foregoing, the present application as amended is in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby requested to call the undersigned attorney at (585) 423-4292, Rochester, NY.

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